

Pro-Words and Acronyms

POB – People on Board

PIW – person in water

Getting underway – leaving the dock

Man Overboard – crew member fell in water

COMS – Communication

Say Again – asking person to repeat what was said

I Say Again – I will repeat

Broken and unreadable – radio static can't understand what was said

Are you ready to copy? – Are you ready to write down the information?

Good Copy - the message was understood

Over – passing the communication on but expecting a response

Out – the end of the communication

Break, break – said when interrupting one radio conversation to talk to another person/station/ without pause

OPS – Operations

OPS Normal- Operations are routine

Position - Where are you? What is your latitude and longitude? What is your geographic location?

LAT – latitude

LONG – longitude

o – (degree sign) – say degrees

. – (decimal point) – say decimal

Come upon – finding something (a disabled vessel or hazard to navigation etc., etc.)

Be advised – we want to call something to your attention

Wait one – wait a minute

Stand-by – wait (may be a longer time than a minute)

Coming up – picking up speed

Coming down – slowing down

Coming to starboard – turning to the right

Coming to port – turning to the left

DA – Disabled vessel

Securite – (said 3 times) radio signal used to preface a navigation safety message

Pon pon (or pan-pan) – (said 3 times) urgent radio signal for boat in serious jeopardy, not in immediate danger but situation could escalate

Mayday – (said 3 times) distress call with grave, immediate danger of loss of life or a vessel

ETA – estimated time of arrival

PFD – Personal flotation device (lifejacket)

REGIE number – Boat registration number

Roger – yes, message acknowledged

Request permission to... - asking if you can do something

Common Spelling – the word is easily understood. It is not necessary to spell out the word phonetically

I spell – I will spell out a word using phonetic alphabet

SAR – search and rescue

Stand down – stop mission

Lima Charlie – loud and clear

Switch and Answer – request to change from marine radio channel to a different channel

This is a drill - This is a drill – announcement of non-emergency a training exercise

Break-Break – said when interrupting or immediately after a radio call between two other people.

Belay my last – ignore what I just said

Correction – an error was made in the transmission

Nothing heard – said after calling on the radio and not getting a response

I have a visual – I see something